

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 100

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 19

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 100, Cox. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2006 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 232,090 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States this year, resulting in 30,350 deaths; and

WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in almost all race and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, African-American men are 50 percent more likely to develop this disease than any other group of men; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 22,295 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than eight California men will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, The survival rate for prostate cancer is 99 percent when the disease is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 34 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, Early detection is the key to prostate cancer survival and the American Cancer Society recommends that the PSA blood test and the digital rectal examination should be offered to men annually starting at age 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Men in high-risk groups, such as African-Americans or those with a family history of prostate cancer, should begin their annual screening at age 45 years; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature joins communities across our nation in recognizing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month to increase awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment of this disease; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates September 2006 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and that all Californians are encouraged to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of prostate cancer and preventive measures; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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